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OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we recognize the interconnectedness of all life and that the California coast and coastal waters are an integral component of the global ecosystem; that the California coast contains one of four major upwelling regions in the world, comprising only one percent of the world's oceans, but producing approximately half of the world's fish catch, and supporting abundant marine life; and we deem as precious, priceless, and irreplaceable our oceans, coasts, marine life, wildlife, and our continued beneficial uses thereof; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil drilling produces detrimental and dangerous pollutants, including toxic metals¹ and carcinogens², that destroy coral gardens, kelp beds, and coastal wetlands; causes significant coastal erosion; creates an ever-present risk of disastrous oil spills, resulting in the devastation of marine life and birds, and untenable adverse affects for all creatures and the global ecosystem, presenting a wholly unacceptable risk; and

WHEREAS, alternative energy sources, fuels, and transportation systems exist that may be implemented at less cost and with few, if any, health or ecological hazards, obviating offshore oil drilling entirely;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Del Norte County Democratic Party supports House Resolution 2758, the Northern California Ocean And Coastal Protection Act; the permanent prohibition of offshore oil drilling along the California coast; the implementation of alternative energy production, fuels, and transportation; and urge for restoration and preservation of the California coast and coastal waters.

Adopted by the Del Norte County Democratic Central Committee at its monthly meeting, Crescent City, CA. on

Date

Debra Broner, County Chair

¹ Including, but not limited to, lead, chromium, and mercury.

² Including, but not limited to, toluene, benzene, and xylene.